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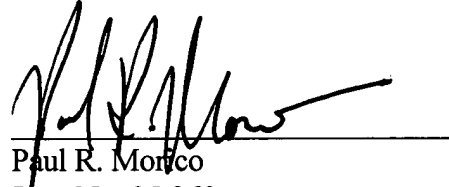
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant submits herewith copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-captioned application.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("Supplemental IDS") is being filed before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and thus is timely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(p) and 1.97(c), the Applicant encloses herewith a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the cost of submission of this Supplemental IDS. No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this

Supplemental IDS, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.61 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from the Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (068355.0160).

Respectfully submitted,

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